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the Examiner's action to page 2 of Applicant's prior response, where Applicants state that "[d]espite Applicants' traversal, Applicants maintain their election from Applicants' prior response for...the photoactivated compound (for a photosensitive compound) for prosecution on the merits. Applicants further elect the acid removable protecting group (for a protecting group) and the photo activated acid catalyst (for a photo activated catalyst) for prosecution on the merits." This election was provided in response to paragraph 1 of the Office Action mailed December 31, 2001 where the Examiner requested election of one species from each of five categories.

In the instant Office Action, the Examiner has requested further election of a species from among (1) a photosensitive compound, (2) a protecting group, and (3) a photo activated catalyst. The Examiner is effectively asking that applicants identify a single chemical structure for each of the above so as to facilitate a search of the subject matter. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's election of species requirement on this basis. Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed subject matter is searchable without identifying specific chemical structures for a photosensitive compound, a protecting group and a photo activated catalyst. For example, the term "protecting group" is readily used in this art area and can be searched. Further the terms "photosensitive compound" and "photoactivated catalysts" present no undue burden in searching those terms.

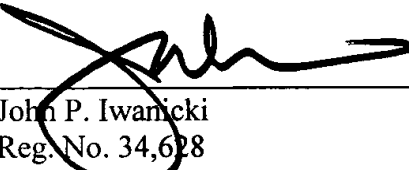
Despite Applicants' traversal, Applicants further elect toluenesulfonic acid (for a photosensitive compound), dimethoxytrityl (for a protecting group), and toluenesulfonic acid esters (for a photo activated catalyst) for prosecution on the merits.

Claims readable on the elected species include 1, 2, 3, 6, 12, 14, 15, 52, 53, 54, 56, 57,  
58, 59, 60, 70, 71, 73, 74, 75, and 76.



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Respectfully submitted,

  
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